

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Rod Johnson amendment is adopted. Anything further on that bill, Mr. Clerk? The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend. Senator, I have AM2909 in front of me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What page is that on?

CLERK: They're not printed, Senator. (See page 2031 of the Journal.) Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend, it is AM2909.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this is the amendment which I referred to earlier which would give the Nebraska Public Power District, the OPPD, and I believe even LES the same kind of opportunity to involve themselves in the production of ethanol as would the muni power pool. Now just so you know what you voted on, I want to tell you, when you adopted the Senator Rod Johnson amendment, and I hope you will listen because it is always best to know, even after you adopt the amendment, what you've done, even if you didn't know what you were doing when you adopted it. You said, in effect, that the municipal power pool may not go to the ethanol authority with the proposal that would allow them to develop garbage as a source of energy for the distillation of ethanol fuels and if the ethanol authority felt it made sense that they could fund that kind of a research project. That is, in a nutshell, what you just said no to. You said we know we don't want to expand that kind of information. On the other hand, Senator Johnson says he wants a clean bill in the original form. He said farmers did not expect that their money would be used for research to determine whether or not some other source of energy, other than coal or oil, might be feasible to distill ethanol from grain. But he does say that he thinks it would be that farmers would have been supportive of diverting \$4 million, \$4 million, ladies and gentlemen, approximately one-fourth of what has been collected, from the original goal which was to place steel in the ground for ethanol plants, to a research project at the University of Nebraska. Now Governor Orr has